

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON 24TH OCTOBER 2022 COMMENCING AT 8.06 PM**

Present: Councillors Mrs B Thomas (Chair), Ms G Widdowfield (Vice-chair), Mrs G Gardner, A Vale

Attending: Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk)

Minutes Taken by: Mrs S Cowie

22/217 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors Laycock and Miller.

22/218 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillor Vale declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 22/224, as an allotment tenant.

22/219 MATTERS ARISING

A resident reported that the table tennis table is being misused, and disposable BBQs are being used on the tabletop causing damage.

Minute point 154.5 Repairs to the fitness equipment have been completed by Caloo.

Minute point 154.4 The 50k Park Run took place on 16th October. The group used the Recreation Ground as a refreshment stop, there were no issues reported.

Minute point 130.5 Barton Countryside Conservation have begun work to shore up the bank by allotment plots 7 – 11.

A request has been received for a tree to be cut back in the allotment site as it is overhanging a plot. The Assistant Clerk has arranged a meeting with the tenant to discuss this further and will seek a quote should work be required. A quotation to lift the crown of the tree at the entrance to the site will also be sought.

22/220 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD ON 4th JULY 2022

There were no queries on the minutes. Councillor Gardner **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting held on 4th July **SECONDED** by Councillor Thomas with **3 in favour and 1 abstention**. The minutes were approved.

22/221 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WEEKLY INSPECTIONS OF THE PLAYGROUND AND FITNESS EQUIPMENT

The inspections of the Norman Road and Arnold Recreation Ground Play Areas and Fitness Equipment undertaken by the Groundsman on 11th and 18th October were acknowledged. Everything was in order except for graffiti on the table tennis table. Graffiti was noted on both occasions and was cleaned off each time by the Groundsman. It was suggested that a record should be kept to identify the offender.

21/222 TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT BENCH POLICY AND BENCH PACKAGE FOR PARISH COUNCIL OWNED OPEN SPACES

The draft Bench Policy was reviewed, and minor amendments made. Members agreed that a site meeting should be arranged at the Recreation Ground so that suitable locations and bench types can be discussed. Once the site meeting has taken place the Bench Package will be discussed further.

22/223 TO CONSIDER SUITABLE LOCATIONS FOR BENCHES IN ARNOLD RECREATION GROUND

A map indicating the locations of existing benches and possible locations within the Recreation Ground for new benches was reviewed. As previously mentioned, it was agreed that a site meeting should be arranged to identify suitable locations and style of bench for each area. The map, Bench Policy and Bench Package will be agreed once the site visit has taken place. **ACTION: Councillors to advise the office of their availability for the onsite meeting.**

22/224 TO CONSIDER/APPROVE QUOTATION FOR ALLOTMENT SECURITY FENCING AND GATES

The quotations and options for fencing were considered. It was agreed that this project should go ahead as a priority as the delays have resulted in an increase in costs and there is now a shortfall in the ear mark reserve available. The Clerk was asked to check what additional funds are available to make up the shortfall.

Councillor Gardner **PROPOSED** approval of the quotation from Ace Fencing to supply and fit powder coated palisade style fencing, a double vehicle gate and pedestrian gate to the allotments at a cost of £6,020 + VAT which was **SECONDED** by Councillor Vale and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

22/225 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA
– for information only – The next meeting will include committee budgets for the 2023/24 precept.

The meeting closed at 9.13 pm